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DRIVE PIN FOR FASTENING A MATERIAL TO A METAL BASE MEMBER

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A drive pin (20) for the fastening of a material (22) to a
sheet-metal framing member (24) with an automatic nailer is
provided. The drive pin (20) has a head (26), a substantially
cylindrical shank (28) having a base diameter (30) in a range
of 0.0625 to 0.125 inch, and a ballistic tip (40) configured to
penetrate the material (22) and the framing member (24) under
10 force of the automatic nailer. A knurl (42) is formed upon the
shank (28). The knurl (42) has at least seven and no more than
fourteen substantially parallel spiral grooves (32) having a
minor diameter (58) less than the shank base diameter (30).
Adjacent spiral grooves (32) are separated by substantially
15 unbroken spiral ridges (34) having a major diameter (62)
greater than the shank base diameter (30). The spiral grooves
(32) and ridges (34) together form a plurality of threads (44)
rolled full upon the shank (28) at an angle (54) of
substantially 26 ± 2 degrees relative to an axis (46) of the
20 shank (28).